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Siting Coordination Office
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**RE: FPL Florida Energy Secure Natural Gas Pipeline No. NG09-02 DEP OGC
No.09-3259**

Dear Ms. Seiler:

In August, 2009, during the sufficiency phase of pipeline review, Council staff requested more information on the potential impacts on the following natural resources of regional significance. The sites refer to the Applicant-referenced locations provided in the FPL Report.

- a. Rice Creek
- b. Etonia Creek
- c. St. Johns River (several locations within the Region)
- d. Six Mile Creek
- e. Haw Creek, identified in the FPL Report as Middle Haw Creek

In October, 2009, a letter from Council staff again expressed concern on the same issues from the August, 2009 memorandum and Staff reserved the right to raise any issues that arise as more information on the potential impacts to the natural resources of regional significance becomes available.

On November 3, 2009, Council staff met with FPL staff and expressed the same concerns. In general, FPL indicated that most information regarding potential impacts is not available until later phases of the project.

At the request of the applicant, the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has placed the FPL Natural Gas Pipeline case into abeyance for a period of one year.

The Council staff recommendation is based on FPL's position that it cannot provide additional data or comprehensive data and information or assurance of the impacts to the natural resources of regional significance during this stage of the application. FPL has assured the Council staff that the concerns expressed can be addressed during the post-certification stage, at which time surveys and additional data may be collected. As natural resources of regional significance often cross jurisdictional boundaries and/or are in multiple ownerships, NEFRC staff recommends that there be continued cooperation and that staff receive all documents related to the listed natural resources of regional significance, including invitations to meetings.

Sincerely,



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